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LETTER DATED 18 MAY 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF GREECE TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a declaration by the European Union on Rwanda.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English and French]

Declaration dated 16 May 1994 by the European Union on Rwanda

The European Union, recalling its declaration of 18 April 1994 on Rwanda, again appeals urgently to all parties to the conflict to bring an end to the genocide now taking place in the country.

The European Union expresses its full support for the United Nations humanitarian efforts and, in this context, welcomes the resolution that is currently before the Security Council. The European Union looks forward to an urgent decision on measures which can be implemented soon.

The European Union welcomes the initiative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to conduct a mission to both Rwanda and Burundi and supports the call for a special meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

The European Union expresses its appreciation and support for the efforts of the Organization of African Unity and to President Mwinyi of the United Republic of Tanzania for their initiatives in convening a regional conference, to which both the authorities of Rwanda and the Rwandese Patriotic Front (RPF) will be invited.

The European Union urges the two sides to agree on the need to respect the Arusha agrement, which, by way of negotiation, offers the best available basis for national reconciliation. In this context, the European Union supports the call for the early imposition of an arms embargo against Rwanda, and calls on all concerned to refrain from any action that is liable to exacerbate the situation.

The European Union is eager to increase its humanitarian aid wherever such aid can be brought to the populations that have suffered so cruelly from the violence. In this respect it will continue its immediate assistance to refugees in the neighbouring countries and will endeavour to assist equally the stricken populations within Rwanda, whenever conditions permit.

The European Union decided on 6 May 1994 to dispatch a mission of the Troika, on a Development Ministers level, to visit as soon as possible the countries neighbouring Rwanda, with a view to evaluating the humanitarian situation vis-à-vis the influx of refugees.